

Dear ABC students, faculty and staff,

On behalf of the ABC President's Cabinet, I sincerely regret having to send you this correspondence. However, for the following reasons, we have decided that it is best that, for the PACE Winter block 1 (January 4-February 8), and for the college, until January 31, all ABC classes will be fully online. ABC College Chapel will move to an online experience and PACE Chapel for Winter Block 1 is cancelled. The Library book sale, planned for later this month is also postponed to a date yet to be determined.

The sole exceptions to this will be

- Field Experience, where in-person service will continue as planned, as long as our host organizations permit in-person service.
- Counselling services provided to the ABC community by Marcia Cameron, unless Marcia or the client prefers to meet virtually.

The reasons for making this decision include:

- The dramatic increase in Covid-19 cases in the past week due to the highly contagious nature of the Omicron variant;
- Yesterday (January 4) alone we received notice that 5 members of the ABC community (including both students and staff) have tested positive for Covid; today I received word about another ABC community member testing positive.
- The Alberta Government update yesterday requesting that all Albertans limit their in-person contacts;
- Similar decisions by other institutions of higher learning in Calgary and across Alberta.

What you can do:

- If you are not vaccinated, please get vaccinated;
- If you are vaccinated but have not yet had your booster, please get your booster. Nearly one year of data from around the world indicates that the best way to prevent becoming seriously sick and/or hospitalized with Covid-19 is to be fully vaccinated.
- Limit your person-to-person contacts as much as possible.
- Stay home if you have Covid symptoms, and follow the Alberta Government guidelines (found on the Daily Checklist, see next item).
- Use the Alberta Daily Checklist to monitor your symptoms. The Daily Checklist is available here: [The Daily Checklist is available here.](#)
- If you experience Covid symptoms, have a Covid test, and receive Covid test results (either negative or positive), please fill out the ABC Covid-19 Reporting Form: [the ABC Covid-19 Reporting Form available here.](#)
- If you need to come to campus for any reason, please call in advance and make an appointment.

We will get through this latest wave of the pandemic. Let us continue to love one another well by putting the other's health, care, and needs above our own.

in Him,
David